

## NOTES FROM THE MAYOR

July 27, 2016

Downtown area looking nice

Evelyn and I met some friends downtown for dinner a couple of Saturday evenings ago. It was a beautiful evening. As we walked around we noticed several couples and families enjoying the renovated downtown. Bands were playing at four different venues, parking spaces were full and restaurants were busy. There are several new businesses and several businesses either under renovation or under new ownership. Check out Tullahoma's City Center if you have not already.

Teachers prepare for new school year

Last Wednesday, Director of Schools Dan Lawson hosted the "Back to School" meeting at THS for all teachers and staff. Approximately 350 attended, including about 20 new teachers. Dr. Lawson gave an inspiring talk about his "Four C's". The first is character. Job number one is to develop character in yourself and those you are blessed to teach. Teachers were encouraged to develop character not in a lesson, but in a life. The second "C" is competence. The third "C" is chemistry, or the ability to make those around us better. The fourth "C" is courage. Dr. Lawson challenged all the teachers to change lives for the better every day. He emphasized we live in a community that values education.

Congrats, teacher Reagan Osborne

At the end of the first hour he called the nine system-wide Teachers of the Year to the front of the auditorium. The Stan McNabb Automotive Family, as it has for the past four years, has given the use of a very nice car for a year to one of these nine teachers. The nine teachers' names were placed in a hat and the reverse drawing started. As each name was drawn Dr. Lawson would give the remaining teachers the opportunity to "buy out" the others. No one made any officers. The last teacher standing was THS teacher Reagan Osborne. Congratulations! Appropriately, she was earlier recognized as the Tullahoma system-wide "Teacher of the Year" and also the South Central Region "Teacher of the Year".

Morning Pointe honors healthcare workers

Last Wednesday, in a salute to all healthcare and social workers, Morning Pointe Assisted Living hosted a free lunch. This was their way of saying thank you for all these hard-working individuals do each and every day. Instead of eating at Morning Pointe, invitees picked up their Dash & Dine meals. This was helpful, I'm sure, to busy nurses, doctors, and social workers.

Always a pleasant visit

Speaking of Morning Pointe, last Thursday was my quarterly visit to the residents there. As always, they entertain me with their comments and questions. My visit coincided with their Christmas

in July Celebration, so we all donned Christmas hats. Several of the ladies wore Christmas-themed clothing. The group decided next time they were going to invite Evelyn to stop by for the next quarterly visit.

Bands rocked it Saturday night

Despite the late afternoon rain, the Rock Creek Concert featuring the US Tribute Band, UZoo, went on as scheduled Saturday night. They played hit after hit. Southern Pride opened the evening's music. Thanks, Parks and Rec, for an entertaining night of music.

THOUGHT OF THE DAY: Please be alert for young people, as school starts today.

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK: "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream." – C.S. Lewis

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